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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

"This is the victory which overcometh the world, our faith."—from today's Epistle.

Too few Catholics appreciate the great superiority of their faith over that of any other religious group. We often hear Catholics defend their religion on the score of its being the oldest Church, or the first Church, but these credentials do not represent the principal claim of the Catholic Church to superiority. Between the Catholic Church and any other form of religion there is the infinite difference between a Divine and a human religion, a supernatural and a natural religion. Human organizations, no matter how lofty their teaching, no matter how much they may make for morality, can never do more than promote natural goodness. Means for the establishment and promotion of supernatural life in the soul, of supernatural merit, can come only from God. Consider certain teachings of the Catholic Church alone, and if they be true, what a difference must be noted between the Catholic and non-Catholic churches! For instance, let us take the Mass. If in the Mass the Son of God is actually the victim for a daily sacrifice on the altars in a Catholic church; if through the hands of the priest this Victim honors God infinitely every day, offers Him [illegible] reparation, etc., and if such infinitely valuable worship is absent from other churches, do you not perceive a vast superiority? If we actually have the real, true, substantial presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and those who are without the fold have only bread and wine signifying in some sort of way the body and blood of Christ, do you not note an infinite difference? If sin be the only obstacle to salvation, and God has arranged for its removal from the soul through the Sacrament of Penance instituted by Christ Himself, if we have this Sacrament in our church and those outside the fold have it not, do you not at once observe an incalculable difference? Only the Catholic Faith has won great victories over the world such as St. Paul tells us our Faith would. It was the Catholic Faith which won the great victory over the pagan Roman Empire which was, humanly speaking, insuperable; won a victory over this Empire despite the fact that all the power and influence of the Empire were employed in the effort to crush our Faith. When civilization was destroyed in Europe a few centuries later and a barbarous population was in possession, it was our Faith which again conquered, and built up the foundation of the civilization which the modern world possesses. No other Faith than ours has ever converted a nation. In other words, there is not a single nation in the world now Christian which did not receive its Christianity from the Catholic Church. History has witnessed the spectacle of kings and governments rising against the Church, and by force introducing a national religion, but we have also witnessed a return movement to the old Faith and the slow decadence of the rival religions—even though nothing was left undone to destroy the Faith, and nothing left undone to assist the new religions.

The Divine must always be victorious over the human. God can permit a temporary situation in which it appears that His enemy prevails, in which error has control; but He cannot permit that as a permanent condition. Therefore, we may know with a certainty that our Faith will survive all others.

Now, we manifest best our appreciation for the Faith which is ours by trying to share it with other people, both in our own community and elsewhere. Let us pray every day for the conversion of our own countrymen and of strangers in other lands. Always have some literature in your home which explains the Catholic Faith so that you may give it to your friends who may show a slight interest in your religion. Preserve your SUNDAY VISITOR, especially those numbers which treat quite comprehensively different points of Catholic teaching, practice, and principles.

Evidently the religion, the founding of which cost Christ so much, and which is so dear to Him that He promised to remain with it all days; which the Holy Ghost so prizes that He will not relinquish it, must be precious beyond all calculation. This religion is ours. Let us be grateful for membership in it; let us hearken to its voice and follow its directions. Let us make good and frequent use of the means of sanctification which it holds out to us. Let us represent it creditably before non-Catholics. Let us do much to support and maintain it locally and universally. Since many of us have been remiss in all these matters, let us show the reality of our *resurrection* from our past neglect and indifference by extraordinary zeal and fervor.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

DISPATCHES FROM THE ETERNAL CITY

HOLY WEEK AT THE VATICAN.

Pope Distributes Holy Communion—Roman Capitol Bell Sounds for First Time Since 1870.

Rome, April 5.—For the first time in fifty-six years, since the Pope's loss of temporal power in 1870, the Romans on Holy Saturday heard the deep voice of the ancient bell of Campidoglio, the Roman Capitol. The great bell joined its "Alleluia" to those of 3,000 other bells in the churches of the Eternal City.

Holy Week in the Vatican saw the Pope distributing Easter Communion on Monday to the gentlemen of the lay court of the Holy See. The Mass was celebrated by His Holiness himself; and the ceremony was repeated on Thursday, when the Holy Father gave Communion to the Monsignori of the ecclesiastical court.

A sermon on the Passion was preached, Tuesday, in the presence of the Pope and his court, by the apostolic preacher. On Thursday and Friday audiences were suspended; and on Easter Sunday His Holiness said Low Mass in the Sistine Chapel. The attendance was very large.

Only Religious Films.

As the Passion observance, the Italian Government prohibited any showing in motion picture theatres of films other than those dealing with religious subjects.

Internuncio to Central America.

Monsignor Cimino, formerly Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, has been nominated Nuncio to Peru. His new title will be Papal Internuncio to Central America; and he will have the rank of Titular Archbishop of Sardica.

Anna Sarto's Funeral.

An immense concourse attended the funeral services for Anna Sarto, sister of the late Pope Pius X, who died on Monday. His Holiness sent his apostolic blessing. The Italian Government paid the funeral expenses.

PARENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT A CHILD?

The Associated Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne have two little children to dispose of, the one a girl nine years old, and the other a boy two years old. The children are both healthy and strong, and are subject to absolute adoption.

If you are interested write to the Associated Catholic Charities, 417 Standard Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Bishop Administers Confirmation at St. Mary's Church at Fort Wayne.

The Bishop's Spring Confirmation itinerary will open today, when he administers the Sacrament to a large class of children and adults at St. Mary's church, Fort Wayne.

Bishop's Explanation Of Mass at the Cathedral Today

As announced in the last issue, the Rt. Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, will give an extended explanation of the vestments and ceremonies employed in the Sacrifice of the Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral today, Low Sunday. A priest clad in the black cassock, which is the ordinary house dress of the cleric, will vest in the presence of the congregation and the symbolism of the vestments will be explained as he dons them. The priest will then celebrate Mass with the Bishop explaining the ceremonies.

Father Chapman's Talks for Non-Catholics Begin

Tonight the Rev. Michael A. Chapman, editor of "The Acolyte," will begin a series of four talks to non-Catholics at the Cathedral. Both the Bishop's explanatory lecture and Father Chapman's talks are particularly designed to give non-Catholics a true understanding of Catholic practices and doctrine.

Large Number In Instruction Class

Ninety-two persons from all parts of the city presented themselves for the instruction class which was formed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop following his course of five lectures for non-Catholics at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. The Bishop met this group of persons on Monday night and gave the first instruction himself. At the same time he arranged for them to return on Friday evening which will be the regular evening for these instructions. The Bishop intends to give the instructions himself as often as his many other duties will permit. On occasions when he is unable to meet the class, he will designate a priest to take his place. The unusual interest aroused by the non-Catholic lectures and the response to the Bishop's invitation to instructions has led him to extend the series of public lectures as announced in another article.

LOW SUNDAY FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY IN MANY PARISHES.

Catholic Orphanage Of Fort Wayne Receives Bequest

The Orphans' Home of Fort Wayne will receive $16,509 and the home for the Little Sisters of the Poor at Indianapolis will realize $8,269 from the estate of Elizabeth Monahan, who died here last year. The appraisement was made last week by the county assessor.

Working Girls' Home Attractive.

The Daughters of Isabella wish to call attention to the Home for Working Girls which they maintain at Broadway and Wayne streets, where accommodations and home-like surroundings are offered at nominal cost to girls employed in the city of Fort Wayne. The Home offers excellent opportunity for young ladies whose work requires their presence in the city to secure board and room under Catholic auspices.

Rural Life Bureau To Hold Conference In This Diocese

Preliminary arrangements are announced for a conference for the rural pastors of the diocese of Fort Wayne and perhaps of neighboring dioceses to be held on July 15 or 16. The Rev. Edward V. O'Hara, LL. D., director of the Rural Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference is giving a number of talks at the University of Notre Dame summer school and wishes to make this the occasion of meeting with the rural pastors for the discussion of Catholic problems peculiar to extra-urban centers. Father O'Hara, of Eugene, Ore., is widely known as a leader in Catholic rural work. A country pastor himself, he has made the peculiar problems of the farm parish the subject of close study and under the auspices of the National Catholic Welfare Council is director of the Rural Life Division of that important association. The exact place and date of this conference will be announced later.

CATHOLIC EVENTS FROM EVERYWHERE

Anglican Bishop, Whose Wife Became Catholic, Resigns

Kingston, Ont., April 2.—The Anglican House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario has decided to accept the proferred resignation of Bishop E. J. Bidwell, whose wife some months ago became a Catholic. Mrs. Bidwell's conversion, at the time, created a profound impression in Anglican circles in Canada. Bishop Bidwell is regarded as a brilliant member of the Anglican House of Bishops of the Dominion and has held a place in the front rank of the clergy for more than ten years.

There is no disposition on the part of the Catholic Church, nor has there been, to make religious capital of the situation, says a statement which has been issued from the archbishop's residence at Kingston. Mrs. Bidwell's was "a purely intellectual conversion," says the statement, adding that she "read herself into the Catholic Church. She was absolutely a Catholic before she came to us," the statement continues. "She had been in attendance at Catholic services unknown to us, and only approached us for final instructions."

When in 1913 Bishop Bidwell was elected to the Diocese of Ontario on the first ballot, the honor was without precedent in the Anglican Church in Canada. It is said his retirement now is wholly without bitterness.

Archbishop Keating Wants Chancellorship Open to Catholics

London, March 29.—Abolition of the law which prevents a Catholic from becoming Lord Chancellor of England is being urged by Archbishop Keating of Liverpool.

The Catholic Relief Bill introduced in the House of Commons last week by Dennis Herbert does not seek the removal of this ban, because the promoters of the Bill wish it to be entirely noncontroversial.

Archbishop Keating thinks, however, that the law should be altered so that Catholics shall be on the same footing as other citizens. On the other hand he agrees with a proviso in the Bill insuring that the King of England shall be a Protestant.

Nottingham Prelate Many Times Jubilarian

London, March 29—Msgr. Provost Croft, Prothonotary Apostolic and Vicar General of the Nottingham diocese, who has died in his eighty-ninth year, held what is believed to be a unique record in the number of jubilees he attained.

He celebrated his silver, golden and diamond jubilees as a priest, his silver and golden jubilees as a Canon, and his silver and golden jubilees as rector of St. Hugh's Church, Lincoln. Had he lived another few months he would have completed his silver jubilee as a Vicar General of the diocese.

Actors and Actress Who Became Saints

Paris, March 22.—In connection with the founding of the Confraternity of St. Genest, which includes as members Catholic actors, *Vie Catholique* has published a list of actors who, with St. Genest, were canonized, and, like him, became the patrons of their profession.

St. Porphyre an actor of Adrianopolis; St. Ardeleon, an Alexandria actor, and even an actress, St. Pelagie, who was a great star at Antioch in the Fifth Century, are mentioned in the list.

Priest German Labor Leader

London, March 31.—Dr. Brauns, Germany's priest minister of labor, is here with a staff of experts taking part in an international conference convened by the British government to discuss the question of the ratification of the Washington eight-hours working day agreement.

He has been a member of nine successive governments in five years, and it is stated that his work has been responsible for averting thousands of lock-outs and strikes.

Dr. Brauns is not wearing clerical garb at the conferences, and the fact that he is a Catholic priest has almost escaped the attention of the London press.

Sermons in Irish Language Feature

Dublin, March 29.—A feature of the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in Dublin was a number of Catholic Churches in which prayers were recited and sermons delivered in Irish.

CONAN DOYLE FINDS NOTED MEDIUM A FRAUD.

Caught Him in Trickery and Exposed Him—New English Film Discloses the Methods Employed by the Mediums to Deceive.

By George Barnard

London.—No less a person than Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of some of the best and most widely read detective stories, who recently toured the United States stoutly attempting to justify his belief in spiritism, has just been forced to expose here as a fake Frederick Munnings, until now considered one of the best trumpet mediums in the county. Sir Arthur was present at the dramatic unmasking of the man.

Exposure of Noted Medium

The exposure of Munnings is taken here as proof that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is sincere but deluded in his belief and preachings of spiritism. It came about through a curious accident. Sir Arthur describes it thus:

"A party of us was sitting with Munnings in a private house, and as the electric lights had gone wrong, owing to a fuse, we were in complete darkness.

"We were getting messages through a trumpet which appeared to be suspended in mid-air, and to swing round in various directions. Munnings was not near the trumpet.

"Suddenly the lights came on again—a thing nobody expected—and we all saw immediately that Munnings had an attachment which he was using to hold up the trumpet and move it.

"We upbraided the blackguard and turned him out of the house. When Munnings had gone we agreed that we should have to expose him."

The result was a letter to "Light," a spiritist journal, and the exposure was signed by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dr. Abraham Wallace, Mr. H. Saunders and Mr. H. Dennis Bradley.

It is revealed by the "Daily Sketch" that when the light went up Munnings tried to explain that the attachment had been brought in from the garden by the spirits!

The incident has not, apparently, shaken Sir Arthur's belief in all the other mediums.

Film Shows Tricks of Spiritism

The story of the film now being made to expose spiritism is based on a real-life tragedy in which a girl became demented through practicing spiritism. The movie narrative will, however, end happily, for the girl will be saved from insanity when the dangers of the cult are demonstrated to her. It is hoped therein to bring out the lesson.

Arthur Prince declared to me, when I saw him at the film studio, his belief that every so-called spirit manifestation can be reproduced by magic, or sleight-of-hand. He has no belief in spiritistic "phenomena." This view agrees with the opinion of other experts in magic whom I have met here and in America.

He showed me a marvelous collection of apparatus which he has gathered from various so-called mediums. One clever piece of mechanism is the "spirit" hand, which raps out answers to questions. This trick is sometimes done by making and breaking an electrical circuit, but Mr. Prince's specimen works with a concealed pin on a base board upon which the hand rests. The pin is operated by pressing an innocent-looking screw under the board.

Mr. Prince went through the whole process (which will be given away in the film) of getting out of a medium's cabinet after being tightly roped to a stool and further bound with a brass collar around the neck, which collar is also bound to the chair. The chair itself would defy inspection by almost anybody, but in practice a slight pressure of the hand and a turn of the wrist takes off the head of a solid brass bolt to which each hand is shackled. The hand is then free to release a hidden spring in the hinge of the collar which permits the collar bolt to be removed. The whole operation of getting free from the formidable bonds takes only a minute or so. The "medium" is then free to move about in the darkness, after which it is just as easy to replace the shackles. The seals on the hand ropes and on the brass collar remain unbroken.

The film is expected to cause a sensation in spiritistic circles here when it is released.

French President Attends the Opening Mass of Lyons Fair

Lyons, March 29.—The President of the Republic, who has come here to open the International Commercial and Industrial Fair, attended the Mass celebrated in the Basilica of Fourvieres by the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyons. A large number of exhibitors had asked the Archbishop to open the Fair by a religious function.

News Within the Domain of the Stars and Stripes

MEXICAN RELATIONS SHOULD END, HOUSE COMMITTEE TOLD.

At Hearing on Boylan Resotion Protests Are Made Against Injustices to the Catholics — Holy Name Society and the Catholic Press Voice Indignation.

Washington, April 3.—The present Government in Mexico was charged with making a deliberate and ruthless campaign to drive God out of the country and with having, through its conduct, forfeited the right to recognition by the United States as a member of the family of nations, in hearings conducted this week by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the resolution of Representative Boylan of New York. Mr. Boylan's resolution would put the House on record as favoring the withdrawal of recognition from the Mexican Government "until such time as the policies and conduct of the said Government in relation to educational and religious institutions of all creeds and nationalities justify a resumption of relations."

Hearing on the resolution was closed Wednesday after two half-day sessions, but Representative Boylan was given permission to insert in the record certain affidavits which had been late in reaching him.

Charles W. Darr, attorney representing Archbishop Curley of Baltimore; Mother Semple of the Visitation Order, who was forced with her nuns to flee from their convent near Mexico City; Judge Alfred J. Talley, representing the Catholic Club of New York and accompanied by Judge Morgan O'Brien; and the Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O.P., P.G., Director General of the Holy Name Society in the United States, succeeded each other in citing outrages against religion by the Mexican Government and registering the protests of organizations.

Catholic Press Protest.

Near the close of the hearing Mr. Boylan read the following excerpt from a letter he had received from Patrick F. Scanlan of "The Tablet," Brooklyn, President of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada:

"The Catholic Press Association, covering a hundred newspapers and magazines in every section of the country, unites in the condemnation of the outrageous treatment accorded the Catholics of Mexico by the President of the Mexican regime."

Father Ripple presented to the Committee forty-nine telegrams from Holy Name groups in every part of the country protesting vigorously against the persecution in Mexico. These telegrams, said the Director General, came from 3,960 branches of the Society and represented 1,656,711 Catholic men. Some of the groups represented in the telegrams were as numerous as 125,000 and 150,000, and others were in the hundreds.

Mother Semple Impresses Committee.

The venerable Mother Semple impressed the committee by her simple recital of how, despite her advanced years, she had been forced four times to move her school in Mexico because of banditry and persecution. She told how her family had for generations been prominent in American life, how she went to Mexico to head a Visitation convent, how bandit forays had harassed her for years and finally of the heartless eviction of herself, her nuns and their pupils in recent weeks. She informed the Committee that Ambassador Sheffield had told her to speak freely of her treatment, when she returned to the United States, and added: "I thought I could say things he couldn't. The United States officials in Mexico did everything they could for us, but their hands are tied."

Three Bishops Added To Catholic Union's American Committee

New York, April 2—Most Rev. Albert T. Daeger, O. F. M., Archbishop of Santa Fe; Right Rev. Anthony J. Schuler, S. J., Bishop of El Paso; and Right Rev. Joseph Raphael Crimont, S. J., Vicar Apostolic of Alaska, have accepted membership on the North American Committee of the Catholic Union, the society organized to bring about the return of the Orthodox Churches to the Catholic fold.

Nun Is Excused from Jury Duty by Judge Of Pittsburgh Court

Pittsburgh, March 30—Sister Mary Ambrosia Timon, a teacher in St. Luke's parochial school, has been excused from jury duty by the Judge of the Common Pleas Court, who is also a member of the Board of Jury Commissioners. Sister Mary Ambrosia was the first nun ever ordered to jury duty in the State of Pennsylvania.

Maltese Catholics of Detroit Make Over Protestant Building

Detroit, Mar. 26.—Maltese Catholics of this city have effected the complete conversion of what was formerly the Protestant Church of Christ at Fourth and Plum streets to St. Paul's Catholic Church wherein they now worship.

The Maltese expended $15,000 in improvements. They redecorated the church inside and out, put on a new roof and installed an oil burning heating plant. They also installed a new lighting system, Stations of the Cross and a $12,000 pipe organ. The church has a seating capacity of 500 with a splendidly-equipped auditorium, with stage in the basement. The Rev. Michael Borg, pastor of the church, began organizing the parish five years ago.

Church Contributors' Certificate Unusual In Art Workmanship

Pittsburgh, Mar. 26.—Mrs. Louise W. Doyer of this city has produced what critics consider a very excellent example of illustrated manuscript and one particularly deserving of artistic mention in this age of hustle and superficiality. Mrs. Doyer effected the illuminated page at the commission of the Rev. Thomas F. Coakley who wished to have a suitable certificate to present to contributors toward the erection of the new Sacred Heart church here.

Mrs. Doyer's manuscript, on which will be engraved the name of the contributor, has been done in five colors—gold, blue, red, black and white. It contains an intimate knowledge of ecclesiastical symbolism, an adaption of scriptural incidents, a great knowledge of Church history and unusual skill and harmony of design.

Priest and Minnesota Labor Secretary Talk

Faribault, Minn., March 29—The Rev. J. C. Harrington of St. Paul's Seminary and George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, were speakers at a mass meeting held recently at the Sur. Theater here to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on labor.

Nyikos Is Named Cage Pilot at Notre Dame.

Johnny Nyikos, star center on the 1925-26 Irish cage outfit, was named captain of next year's five at the annual basketball banquet.

Nyikos will succeed Vince McNally, skipper of the victorious quintet which won 19 games out of a twenty-game schedule. McNally and Nyikos were nominated for the post but McNally declined and the honor was accorded to the popular center unanimously.

The banquet was the last official act of the greatest cage quintet that has represented Notre Dame and the outstanding basketball team of the middle west during the season which just closed.

Members of the varsity squad, coaches, officers of the University and members of the freshmen squad, were present at the festivities.

Speeches, which always creep into celebrations of this nature, were on the bill. Following these, the election of Nyikos to the captaincy took place.

Of the regular squad only three will be lost through graduation. These are Clem Crowe, Mike Nyikos, and Ted Ley. McNally, Nyikos, Conroy and Dahman, all regular members of this year's five are to return in addition to a crack reserve team and many promising Freshmen.

Catholic Team Wins City Banner 2 Years

San Antonio, Tex., Mar. 26.—For the second successive year the National Catholic Community House team has won the championship in the City Basketball League here. The title of champion came to the community house players through their defeat of the Strauss-Frank team by the score of 25 to 16. The game was played on the Y. M. C. A. court. It was the third year that the community house has been represented by a team.

Plans were made to have the Catholic players represent the city in an effort to bring the state championship here through a competition being held with Houston, Dallas, Waco and Fort Worth, but these plans have been abandoned.

One Marquette university student is paying his way through school by appearing at parties and entertainments as a magician; another digs graves to secure an education.

Lake County Basketball Tournament.

Saturday, March 20, marked the second day of the "Catholic Grades" Basketball Tournament. Great enthusiasm was displayed by the participants as well as the youthful spectators. The result of the games showed that St. John's boys, Robertsdale, defeated the All Saints' lads from Hammond by a score of 21-4. Sacred Heart, of Whiting, triumphed over St. Mary's East Chicago 17-11. St. Paul's of Valparaiso won its second game of the series by vanquishing Holy Angels' of Gary by a count of 23-11.

The most interesting game of the afternoon was played by the boys of St. John's. Although midgets in size, they proved themselves giants in skillful "ringing" of baskets.

Thursday, March 25, marked the third day of the tournament. The points of score were as follows:

St. Stanislaus 21, St. Joseph's 9.

St. Mary's 32, All Saints' 8.

St. John's 31, Sacred Heart 13.

Ball Tossers Off to Dixie

Next Tuesday, Coaches Walsh and Keogan will take their squad of diamond pastimers to southern climes.

Friday and Saturday Georgia Tech will oppose the squad at Atlanta; then a two-game series with Georgia University at Athens, on Monday and Tuesday. At Macon, Mercer will furnish the opposition on the two succeeding days. The Army will be met at Fort Benning, in the final two games of the trip on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10.

The squad has been somewhat handicapped by the fact that the practice sessions have been indoors. The Georgia teams have been working out-of-doors now for several months. The men making up the squad will be definitely selected next Monday. Some of the positions are practically cinched however. Captain James Silver and "Red" Smith will undoubtedly be on the receiving end of the staff.

Coach Jacobs at the University of Oklahoma recently ran his cross country men up and down the seats in the stadium to keep them in condition.

An intramural hockey league has been formed at the North Dakota Agricultural College and it is being carried on by four enthusiastic teams.

Marquette Relay Entries Received

RETURN MAIL BRINGS LIST OF TEN CONTESTANTS FOR THE MAY 8 PROGRAM.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Coach Conrad M. Jennings' announcement of plans and invitations for the Marquette University National Relay carnival, to be held in the new Marquette stadium here on Saturday, May 8, had hardly been in the mail, before replies and acceptances began to arrive at the Hilltop gymnasium.

Ten schools already have filed their entries for the carnival with Coach Jennings. They are St. Augustine's high school from far-off San Diego, Calif.; St. Rita, Chicago; Albia High school, Albia, Ia.; Hartford High school, Hartford, Wis.; Chicago Latin school, Chicago; Kenosha High school, Kenosha, Wis.; South, East and West Division High schools, Milwaukee, and Milwaukee University school.

Coach Jennings is listing an elaborate array of cups, shields, medals and other awards for the winners both team and individual, in every event. Milwaukee newspapers, civic and fraternal organizations and others are co-operating in offering special prizes and several handsome trophies will be included. Events will include medley, mile, four mile, 880 yard, half-mile, two-mile and 440 yard relays, as well as a complete schedule of open events.

Entries for the May 8 meet must be filed with Coach Jennings on or before Monday, May 3. Eligibility blanks must be filed with P. F. Neverman, secretary, Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic association, Marinette, Wis., by May 1.

Relay Carnival Will Draw 1,000 Athletes, Marquette Predicts

Milwaukee, Wis., March 26—One thousand additional invitations to the fourth annual Marquette University National High School Relay carnival, to be held in the new Marquette stadium here May 8, are in the mail, and Track Coach Conrad M. Jennings expects the percentage of replies to be numerous enough to make the 1926 program the greatest in midwest prep school history.

Entry blanks for the carnival will be sent to the same schools about April 1, and must be returned to Coach Jennings' office by May 3. They are going to prominent high schools in all parts of the country, from coast to coast.

Last year's carnival found six hundred athletes from thirty-five schools competing, and the program was run off smoothly and was a great success. This year indications are that one thousand crack athletes will gather.

The carnival will be run off in five divisions, as follows: 1. Wisconsin High School Championship (open to Wisconsin high schools which are members of the W. I. A. A.) 2. Wisconsin Class B Championship (open to Wisconsin high schools in Class B, which are members of the W. I. A. A.); 3. National Championship (National meet limited to schools from states members of the National Federation); 4. Private High School Championship (Open to parochial or private high schools), and 5. Military Academies and Preparatory Schools (open to military academies and preparatory schools.).

Novel N. C. C. W. Plan Gladdens Hundreds Of Orphans at Home

San Antonio, Tex., Mar. 26.—A novel method of cheering the children of St. Joseph's orphanage here has been successfully established through the practice of "birthday parties," a plan conceived and perfected by Mrs. William Stevens, chairman of St. Joseph's Circle of the San Antonio Council of Catholic Women.

Mrs. Stevens' plan is for each woman to "adopt," from among those children who have no one interested in them, a child whose birthday comes near her own. The orphan is called a "birthday child" and is regularly visited by its "birthday mother," who takes it for an outing. Under this plan all girls at St. Joseph's and 109 of the boys have been "adopted."

The entire atmosphere of the home has been changed through the plan, officials say, and the children eagerly look forward to the visit of "their ladies." One child, called to the parlor to be seen by his "birthday mother," had never before been called to the reception room in the five years he had been at the institution. His joy knew no bounds.

Bishop Vaughan's Will

London, March 21.—The will of the late Bishop Vaughan, brother of Cardinal Vaughan and Fr. Bernard Vaughan, begins with this passage: "I bequeath my soul to God from which it came, my body to the earth from which it was made, and all my sins, transgressions, and offenses to my kind and generous relations and friends, to be atoned and satisfied for to the best of their power by prayers, masses, alms and other good deeds."

The residue of his property was bequeathed to his nephew, Fr. Herbert Vaughan, D. D., "to use the same as in his discretion he thinks I should desire and employ myself." Bishop Vaughan's estate was of the gross value of $78,000.

Chicago to Decorate For the Eucharistic Congress in June

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 23.—American flags and flags of white and gold, the papal colors, spread in fan shape and surrounding a plaque containing a picture of Pope Pius X and his eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, will constitute the official decorative insignia of the twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress.

The first of the shields was installed today on a lamp post in front of the International Eucharistic headquarters in Cathedral Square, Cass and Superior streets. This will be replaced from time to time as the weather fades it. The general placement, however, will not take place until shortly before the opening of the Congress.

The insignia will be mounted on lamp posts throughout the city and along the forty-mile drive to Mundelein, Ill., where the final ceremonies of the Congress will be held.

The official insignia will be set in place several days preceding the opening of the Congress, June 20, and will remain a few days after its close.

Besides the official shield, the city will be decorated with American flags and the papal colors put up by various organizations. Public buildings will be decorated as well as schools, halls and homes.

Spiritism's Spread Induces Crusade

London, March 21—A Catholic crusade against spiritism has been launched here under the patronage of half the English hierarchy. This is the first time Catholics have essayed an organized attack upon the cult, which is making headway in England and which, according to the late Bishop Casartelli, has been responsible for considerable leakage among Catholics.

Charles H. Rouse, organizing secretary of the Catholic Crusade Against Spiritism, states this week that there are 1,700 children being trained as mediums in the lyceums or spiritist Sunday schools in England. He declares there are 16,000,000 votaries of the cult among English speaking people.

Mr. Rouse is lecturing up and down the country to expose the dangers of Spiritism and is attracting big audiences.

His crusade, he states, is not directed against a scientific investigation of psychical phenomena which may be capable of a natural explanaspiritism, and the new religion which it propagates. In his view spiritism is out to destroy Christianity root and branch and is paving the way for the complete subversion of Christian morality.

Ku Klux Political Strength Smashed In N. Y. Stronghold

New York, Mar. 23.—The strength of the Ku Klux Klan in Suffolk Co., where, heretofore, it has been a powerful political factor, has been materially weakened through the recent local elections in which not one of its tickets was successful. For several years the organization had gained in political influence in county affairs, and in several sections had named its own ticket.

An outstanding contest was that for village treasurer at Freeport, Nassau County, where George M. Bird, a Catholic, was elected to the office by a vote of 1,142 to 200. He defeated Charles J. Shea, the only candidate to whom the Klan openly rallied.

Priest, On Wrecked Train, Ministers to Stricken Engineer

Cleveland, Mar. 26.—Msgr. Gilbert P. Jennings, pastor of St. Agnes' church here, administered conditional absolution to W. J. Pierce, engineer of a Nickel Plate train, who was caught in wreckage as his train jumped the track just outside of Buffalo, Monday.

Pierce jumped as his engine struck an open switch, but was caught beneath a box car which toppled over on him. Msgr. Jennings, a passenger on the train, left his car and gave conditional absolution to Pierce, who was buried beneath the car.

Plan Indo-English Catholic Society

London, Mar. 17.—A society whose principal object is to bind the 2,500,000 Catholics in India more closely to their co-religionists in this country is being planned here under Westminster Catholic Federation auspices.

It is proposed to set up the headquarters of the organization in London. Numerous Catholics from India (domiciled Europeans, Anglo-Indians and natives of the country) visit England every year for business, education or pleasure. Seldom do they come into touch with Catholic organizations, and many students have to live during their stay here at non-Catholic places, like the Y. M. C. A., where their religion is entirely overlooked.

The new society hopes to remedy this state of affairs by organizing meetings, social gatherings and similar functions, and generally by doing everything possible for the spiritual welfare of the visitors.

Father Keenan, Leper Colony Priest for Many Years, Dead

New Orleans, Mar. 26.—The Rev. J. V. Keenan, the first priest to go to the leper colony at Carville, La., died Saturday at Touro infirmary after an illness of more than a month. Death was caused by heart disease. He was buried Monday morning from Holy Rosary church in Esplanade Avenue. Interment was made in St. Louis cemetery No. 3.

Father Keenan, who was 73 years old, was born in County Cork, Ireland. He was relieved of his work in the leper colony two years ago because of infirmity. He had then exposed himself to the dread disease for eighteen years. Recently he served as chaplain of the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Holy Angel Academy.

Brother at Cistercian Monastery Gives Life In Nursing Others

Pawtucket, R. I., Mar. 26.—Brother Joseph of the Cistercian Monastery at Cumberland, near here, has died the death of a hero. Ill himself, he insisted on continuing to nurse the 38 of the 41 monks at the monastery who were stricken by an epidemic of grippe. Even despite the entreaties of the Rev. Father Augustino, he stayed at his post of mercy. The strain was too much; it killed him.

Brother Joseph was known to thousands who have visited the secluded monastery. His home before he entered the monastery was at Haverhill, Mass., and his name was William J. Gilmartin. He was forty. He was particularly loved for his generosity and kindliness.

Scientist's Claim He Created Life Scouted By Priest-Professor

Cleveland, Mar. 26.—The claims of John F. Mazur, Lorain, O., bacteriologist, that he had created life received no credence from the Rev. F. L. Odenbach, S. J., professor at John Carroll University here. Father Odenbach, when asked about the matter, said:

"It is as impossible today to convert inorganic matter into a living organism as it ever was—and will be. No recognized scientist will place any stock in the reported claims of the young man.

"If Mazur got life, it simply came from apparatus already contaminated by life. This has happened many times before. Every real scientist knows the supreme importance of keeping his instruments thoroughly sterilized."

History of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, North Judson, Indiana.

The histories of many of the largest parishes of the diocese have not yet been printed in these pages. As the material reaches us, we are taking our readers on excursions to the various parts of the diocese that all may learn what the congregations are accomplishing. We hope to present a colorful and interesting illustrated history of every parish and institutions in the diocese. We shall omit the histories from time to time while the material is being gathered and arranged.

All Saints parish, San Pierre and SS. Cyril and Methodius parish, North Judson, are so intimately related that they have history in common.

The building of the Monon railroad may be considered the beginning of San Pierre, when five Catholic families settled there. One of the pioneer priests who visited San Pierre was Rev. John McMahon in the year 1856 when Mass was celebrated in the house of Michael Griffin. But prior to Fr. McMahon's visit Father Burns had been here. A building used as a barrel factory was bought in 1858 for $50.00 and was made to answer the purpose of a church. It stood where the present church stands. From 1869 till 1879 Rev. Joseph Stephan made San Pierre his headquarters. From the year 1880 till the fall of 1884 San Pierre was attended by the Franciscan Fathers, from Reynolds, Ind. Priests of the Most Precious Blood Community, from the fall of 1884 until July 1885 when Rev. Dominic Schunck, C.PP.S., began to reside at San Pierre, attended San Pierre. The first church, mentioned above was 18 by 12 feet, but in 1877 an addition of 10 feet was made; and in 1885 Father Schunck planned a new church, which was built and ready for services in 1885. The pastor having completed the church used the old church building for his residence, during a period of eight years. In the fall of 1895 Wanatah became Fr. Dominic's place of residence. From there he attended San Pierre, until the fall 1895, after which date the Rev. John Kubacki and his successors, the pastors of North Judson, took charge. Since the appointment of the present pastor Father Van Rie considerable improvements have been made, new floors laid, new pews installed, concrete walks placed and the church frescoed.

The Altar and Rosary society and the Holy Name society are established. All Saints Church has 19 families.

HISTORY OF THE PARISH AT SAN PIERRE.

The early history of this parish is much the same as that of all those parishes which in the early sixties and seventies were located in communities giving promise of becoming thriving

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settlements. The first to minister to the spiritual wants of the few Catholics of this locality during the middle of the last century were missionaries from the eastern states and among these was Rev. Stephen T. Badin who claimed the distinction of being the first priest ordained in the United States. Father Badin is buried in the log chapel at Notre Dame.

The Rev. Father Stephan, a well known Indian missionary made his headquarters at San Pierre. Father Dominic Schunck, C.PP.S., in the year 1884 resided at San Pierre. The fame of these two celebrated priests became national.

North Judson dates its beginning to 1859, when the P. C. C. C. & St. L. railroad was built. Not, however, until 1871 were any Catholics to be found here. The progress of Catholicity was slow, and it was not until the year 1881, that an effort was made by the Catholics to erect a place of worship. Prior to this, the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood visited the few Catholic families infrequently, celebrating Mass most probably in a building situated on East Main Street, North Judson's first hotel. The present site was donated by Louis and Jacob Keller.

In the year 1874, the migration of Bohemain families to Railroad and Wayne townships began. Some eight or ten years later, the Bohemian population increased, and today this section has a larger percentage of Bohemians than any other of the state. At the time of the building of the church, in 1881, a list shows that the Catholics numbered about 24 families, with the Rev. Geo. Fleisch, C.PP.S., their visiting pastor. Ireregular visits were made by the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. In 1884 Father John Frericks, C.PP.S., dedicated the new cemetery donated by Jacob Jachim. In 1885 the Rev. Dominic Schunck, C.PP.S., residing at San Pierre, attended to North Judson. He was succeeded by the Rev. Casimir Kobylinski, in the year 1891, who was the first resident pastor. Since the year 1891 the record shows there have been twelve resident pastors. Those priests who remained a year or more as pastors of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church and its Mission, All Saints Church, San Pierre, are in order named: Rev. John Kubacki, Rev. Peter A. Kahellek, Rev. Joseph Bolka, Rev. Felix T. Scroczynski, Rev. John Rech, Rev. Norbert Felden, Rev. Charles Keyser.

THE PIONEER DAYS.

The people to-day perhaps have no thought of the inconveniences that were experienced back in the early days. The land in the early sixties was mostly wet. The hunters could oar their boats all over the marshes and some were almost like lakes the greater part of the year. Progress was slow for a period of years, a thing that kept back the progress of the community during the hot and dry summers, was the fires that would run without check for miles. In those days there were no ditches nor roads to check the progress of the flames.

The high timber lands were the only lands that were cleared up for farming purposes as at that time the marshes were too wet.

For power and machinery most of the farmers depended upon the oxen for their means of travel as well as for labor. The harvesting was done mostly by hand, with a sickle or scythe. What a change! From the ox carts to the automobiles and trucks, from the primitive hand machinery to tractors, self binders and reapers.

The few Catholics who lived in this community had to be satisfied with the services of the early missionary who came once a month and said Mass. Among the early Catholics who lived about Denham and made North Judson their parish, I may name the Szczechs, Janiscewskis, Witchaick, and Emmets.

The oldest of these settlers are Patrick and Anna Emmet and family who settled here in 1860. Their children made their First Holy Communion in private homes. Each of these settlers can claim the honor of having the sacrifice of the Mass said in their homes.

In the early seventies at North Judson there was no church so the early missionaries said Mass in the homes of Catholics. Mass was celebrated in the John Howard home, which was located east of the Erie railroad on Main street across the street, where the Erie restaurant now stands. Mass was also said in the house at corner of Lane and Talmer streets.

In the year 1874 the migration of Bohemian families to Railroad and Wayne townships began. These Catholics made San Pierre their parish church. At San Pierre the first All Saints Church was built—rather remodeled from a barrel factory—in 1868 to answer the purpose of a church.

From the year 1880 until the fall of 1884 San Pierre was attended by the Franciscan Fathers from Reynolds, Indiana. Priests of the Most Precious Blood Community, Rensselaer, took charge from the fall of 1884 until July 1885 when Rev. Dominic Schunck, C.PP.S. began to reside at San Pierre.

Prior to 1881 the Catholics in the neighborhood of North Judson were: Kiedrowski, Vanosky, Burch, Dusek, Jachim, Burijanek and Sindelar families. When Mass was not at North Judson, many of these families went on foot or by ox teams to San Pierre in order to hear Mass.

The present C. I & S. railroad grade was followed as the most convenient and shortest route to San Pierre. The old Dusek homestead about two miles east of San Pierre was used as the sub-station, where the ox teams were left and the balance of the trip made on foot, the journey taking about two or three hours. When there was no service at San Pierre, the farmers in Western and Eastern Railroad townships gathered mostly at the Duseks, Burijankes and the Sindelar farm houses to recite the Rosary, Litany and the Way of the Cross.

In the year of 1881 the faithful Catholics in the vicinity of North Judson, also the neighborhood of Denham, undertook to build their first church. The list shows that the Catholics number about twenty-four families with Rev. George Fleish, C.PP.S. their visiting pastor. A building committee of four men were chosen as follows: Joseph Podack, Sr., William Casey, Patrick Emmet as secretary, John Burch, treasurer.

NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILT.

In 1910 the congregation resolved in earnest to build a school and replace their wooden church built in the year 1881 with a modern brick and stone edifice. Easter Sunday, March 27, 1910, witnessed the last services in the old church. Services meanwhile were held in a rented hall. The school was rushed to an early completion and the second story was used for Divine Services.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL

On Sunday, June 26, 1910, the solemn ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of SS. Cyril and Methodius church and school took place at 2 p. m., with a grand parade consisting of the Church committee, town police and band, members of the congregation, clergy and visitors of surrounding cities and towns.

Very Rev. Moench of Mishawaka, was delegated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Alerding to perform the ceremony of laying the cornerstones of school and church. Rev. George Heldmann was deacon, Rev. Phillip Guethoff subdeacon and the pastor, master of ceremonies.

The Rev. George Heldmann delivered an eloquent sermon on the benefits of the Catholic Church and School.

On Easter Sunday, April 11, 1911, the church which the people so ardently looked forward to was ready for its first Mass. The Church was completely furnished with the exception of the High Altar and Stations of the Cross.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Alerding blessed the school and church, assisted by Rev. Frank Jansen of Elkhart, Rev. Joseph Belstein of Monterey, Rev. A. Miller of Rensselaer, Rev. Chas. Thiele of Ft. Wayne. The Rev. Simon Kuehlmuench celebrated Mass. Rev. Chas. Thiele preached an eloquent sermon on the "Holiness of the Church." In the afternoon the Bishop preached a sermon on the Holy Ghost and confirmed 70 children, and concluded the services by giving the Episcopal Benediction.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OPENS.

In September 1910 the school opened its doors for its first session. Venerable Sister M. Josepha left Lafayette for North Judson accompanied by a little band of Sisters, three in number, Venerable Sisters Olivia, Emma and Geraldia, the first two of whom were to conduct the school. They arrived in the afternoon of September 6th, and were met by Miss Mary Blaschke, who conducted them to their residence. The sisters' residence situated just east of the school was a small and humble cottage. It became a real home to these sisters in spite of its poverty; many happy and cheerful moments, but also many hours of untiring labor for the advancement of little ones were spent here.

September 9th registration was held and an enrollment of 72 pupils recorded. On September 12, school opened in earnest. The desks not having arrived in due time classes had to be taken up in the hall on the second floor. It is not difficult to realize the inconvenience of both teachers and pupils, yet each loved the work and progress was quickly visible.

The devoted Sisters were soon aware of the vast field of labor trusted to their charge, but also of the fertile soil upon which the good seed fell. God in His goodness fructified the seed by His gentle rain and the warm sunshine of His grace, so that after a short time a great improvement was achieved. Parents and friends lent a willing hand and with their co-operation the little saplings were transplanted into God's garden where they grew and flourished to be the main stay of the future parish.

FATHER VAN RIE APPOINTED PASTOR.

In 1913 Father Van Rie was appointed pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church and its mission All Saints Church at San Pierre. The newly appointed pastor found a debt of approximately $28,000.00 with 74 contributing families. The spiritual side of the parish was especially emphasized and developed. With an increase of only 25 families Holy Communions have increased from 2,000 per year to more than 7,000.

YOUNG WOMEN ENTER CONVENTS.

The list of young ladies of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish who have entered the various communities of the Church are:

Miss Mary Blaschke—Sr. Sarbelia.

Miss Caroline Blaschke—St. Barbia, the Poor Sisters of St. Francis Seraph of Perpetual Adoration, Lafayette, Ind.

Miss Rose Krivanek—Sr. Mary Francis, the 3rd Order of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, Ill.

Miss Mary Kirchbaum—Sr. Paula, Franciscan Sisters of St. Kunegunda, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Catherine Burijanek—Sr. Mary Anna, Sisters of St. Benedict, Lisle, Ill.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

The Christian Mothers' Society was reorganized. New societies such as The Guardian Angel Society, The Young Ladies' Society, Senior and Junior Holy Name Society were formed; and all share in making the congregation a better parish, spiritually and financially.

In the past 13 years the debt was reduced from $28,000 to less than $10,000 also more than $15,000 of permanent improvements made through the help of above societies.

MORE REAL ESTATE PURCHASED

In the year 1922, North Judson and Wayne Township Public Schools consolidated, thereby bringing a large increase of Catholic children to the Parochial school; necessitating an additional teacher. The year previous (1921), the Altman property directly in the rear of the school was purchased giving a larger and more convenient home for our teachers. In the year 1923, the Lutheran church property was purchased for a playground. The alley between the school property and the recently acquired land was vacated September 16, 1925. The parish now owns four lots (66x123), for school and playground south of Adair street, and two lots (66x132) north of Adair street for church and the future parsonage.

SOCIAL CLUBS.

The parish has a very large social club, commonly known as the 16-90 club—that is, all those between the ages of 16 and 90 of both sexes without distinction of race and creed are eligible. Its purpose is mainly social enjoyment and better acquaintance amongst the parishioners and their non-Catholic friends. Not only has it done a great deal of good socially, financially, but also spiritually. The congregation is well represented in the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and other Catholic organizations, which is but additional evidence of the fraternal and co-operative spirit existing in the community.

Other parishes of the diocese may be larger and wealthier; but none more self-sacrificing and co-operative than the members of All Saints Church, San Pierre, Ind., and SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, North Judson, Ind.

Two More Catholic Priests Appointed As Navy Chaplains

New York, Mar. 26.—Two Catholic priests, the Rev. Charles P. Burke of the Archdiocese of New York and the Rev. Raymond B. Drinan of Muskegon, Mich., have been added to the corps of Navy chaplains. The former has been assigned to duty aboard the U. S. S. Whitney, while the latter has been detailed to the Mare Island, Cal., navy yard.

The following changes in assignment of Catholic Navy chaplains have been announced: Chaplain E. A. Duff from U. S. S. New York to Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C.; Chaplain John H. Finn from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, Va.; Chaplain Francis L. McFadden, from U. S. S. Nevada to Naval Training Station, San Diego, Cal., and Chaplain Thomas J. Burke from Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill., to U. S. S. Nevada on the Pacific Coast.

Painting Saint Aloysius as "Pretty Boy" Is Wrong

London, March 17—A pen picture of St. Aloysius which entirely dispels the "pretty boy" conception of the saint's personality, is given by Father C. C. Martindale, the distinguished Jesuit author, in the current "Month."

Writing on the forthcoming celebration of the bi-centenary of the canonization of St. Aloysius, Father Martindale says:

"So disastrous a misunderstanding of the saint has become general that it were almost possible to say of a boy that he is a 'regular Aloysius,' in order to convey that he is a prig and a pharisee.

Not an Effeminate Figure

"A priest recently told me that he regarded 'St. Aloysius' (that is, the whole mass of what concerns him, as he reaches the eye and ear) to be one of the greatest deterrents from vocations. Young men feared they would be made to imitate one whom they could not even admire sincerely."

Describing pictures of the saint Father Martindale says: "We could believe Aloysian art to have been inspired outright by the devil, so directly calculated is it to fill the average young Englishman, at any rate, with loathing. The drooping, plaintive figure that we know never was his. He may have prostrated himself on altar-step or floor, but he had a strong backbone, and he did not droop. I don't believe he was even graceful. We shall have plenty to say about his character later on; enough now to hint that it was uncompromising in roughness; and I doubt if such a character permits even a religious slouch— put him well upright, then. Moreover, his hair was black, not blond, not even auburn. And it was quite short, both on forehead and neck. His chin did not run away, whether up towards his ears, nor in towards his neck; it was an almost right-angled chin, and prominent rather than the reverse. He was not pink and white, but dark in any case, and I very much fear must have been of that unpleasant sallowness peculiar to very dark persons when they go pale.

"May no convent think to attract the devotion of its young ladies by a pretty boy St. Aloysius; may no boys' school or college put definite obstacles in the way of its students by asking them to do homage to a youth that would—dare we say?—have wanted to kick at sight."

Mexican Federal Troops Fire Into a Cro

Mexico City.—Mexican Federal troops armed with machine guns shot down two women and a man Thursday when the soldiers fired into a crowd protesting the closing of Catholic churches in San Luis Potosi, say dispatches from that city.